

REMARKS

1. Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Abandonment dated October 11, 2000, in the present application.

2. On September 5, 2000 (Tuesday after Federal Holiday), Applicants timely filed a response to the Official Action dated March 3, 2000, together with a check in the amount of \$870.00 to cover the Extension fee under 37 CFR § 1.17. A duplicate of the Amendment and Petition for Extension of Time, Fee Transmittal Sheet and a PTO receipt-date-stamped postcard confirming the filing of such papers on September 5, 2000 is attached hereto.

REMEDY REQUESTED

Applicants respectfully request that the Notice of Abandonment mailed October 11, 2000, be vacated, and that the Amendment timely filed September 5, 2000, be entered and considered on the merits.

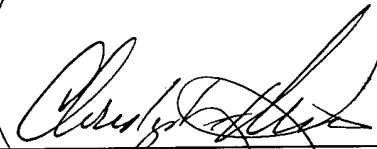
FEE

Applicants submit that no fee should be necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the

Commissioner is authorized to treat this paper as a Petition and charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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